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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. Canceled.
2. (Currently Amended)

A device, comprising:

a disk holder operable to hold and spin an optical disk;

an optical head having an optical interfacing surface which is operable to couple radiation energy to and from the optical disk held by the disk holder for reading data from or writing data to the optical disk;

an actuator engaged to said optical head and operable to move and position said optical head over the disk; and

a load actuator operable to apply a force to cause said optical head to contact the optical disk at a contact location of said optical interfacing surface when reading or writing data,

~~The device as in claim 1,~~ wherein said optical interfacing surface is a curved surface with a protruded apex at or near which said load actuator causes said optical head to contact the optical disk during reading or writing data.

3. (Original) The device as in claim 2, wherein said curved surface is spherical.

4. (Original) The device as in claim 2, wherein said optical head is configured to have at least a portion of optical energy totally reflected at said optical interfacing surface.